



18/B
3/31/01

EXPRESS MAIL NO.: EL 501 638 230 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: SAH *et al.*

Application No. 09/134,771

Group Art Unit: 1633

Filed: August 12, 1998

Examiner: Kaushal, S.

For: HUMAN MESENCEPHALON
CELL LINES AND METHODS OF
USE THEREFOR

Attorney Docket No.: 10624-009-999

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 3, 2000, and pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments. Submitted herewith is: (a) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein, (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal; and (c) a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including April 3, 2001 with provision for the required fee. Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks set forth below place the case in position for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been added to claim 1 is indicated by underlining.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for producing a conditionally-immortalized human mesencephalon neural precursor cell, comprising:

(a) transfecting human mesencephalon cells plated on a first surface and in first growth medium that permits proliferation with DNA encoding a selectable marker and an externally regulatable growth-promoting protein; and

RECEIVED
MAR 29 2001
TECH CENTER 1600/2900
NY2 - 11522